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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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Our office has been gathering whatever information might be needed by either the budget committee or the school board as the final budget figures are created. The SAU staff will work to have all materials ready for the public hearing that will be held on Thursday February 8 at 7PM at WLC.

In the next accounting of student enrollment the board will notice that the senior class at WLC has increased to from 36 to 45 students. This change is due to 9 students who were classified as juniors at the beginning of the school year have increased their earned credits to make them eligible to graduate in June. As of January 30 this brings the student enrollment at WLC HS to be:

Grade 12	45 students
Grade 11	29 students
Grade 10	33 students
Grade 9	48 students

There has been a great deal of conversation among Superintendents in regard to the state legislature's expansion in the ability to carry firearms. The new "carry" statutes do not restrict the carrying of firearms on school property. The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1995 restricts the carrying of weapons within 1,000 feet of a school. It also requires an automatic one year suspension from school of any student found to be in possession of a fire arm. Local police departments do not have the authority to enforce federal law according to the Attorney General of New Hampshire. There are several school districts in New Hampshire that have district policies that prohibit the carrying of firearms on school property. In an article appearing in the Valley News, a regional newspaper in the Lebanon region of the state, the New Hampshire Attorney General's office has determined that the policies of school districts do not supersede the state law. So where does that leave us? Our district policy, JICI, indicates that we will inform law enforcement if we are made aware that anyone is carrying a firearm on school property. We will continue to inform the police with the understanding that they have no ability to confront the individual in question. The statute still exists and is enforceable that students are not allowed to carry weapons and we will follow policy JICI as written in regard to students. There is no need to change the wording of the district policy at this time.

I will be teaching my next course at Southern New Hampshire University on Thursday nights in Concord, the class is Process and Communication Skills.

February 2nd is a teacher workshop day.

On February 5th, I will be attending the NHSAA Legislative Update workshop in Concord.

I will be attending the ASAA national conference on February 14-17.